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### **District Man Sentenced to 51 Years in May 2008 Murder - Victim Killed During Attempted Robbery -**

WASHINGTON - Jervon L. Herbin, 21, was sentenced today to 51 years of incarceration for his role in the May 31, 2008 attempted armed robbery and murder of a 29-year-old District man, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

The sentencing took place before the Honorable Judge Herbert B. Dixon Jr. in the Superior Court for the District of Columbia.

Herbin, of the District, was found guilty by a jury on Aug. 27, 2010 of first degree murder, conspiracy to commit robbery, attempted armed robbery, possession of a firearm during a crime of violence, and carrying a pistol without a license. Also, Judge Dixon found Herbin guilty of committing this murder while on pretrial release in an unrelated case.

The government's evidence at trial showed that on May 31, 2008, at around 12:55 a.m., Herbin lured the victim, Kevin Turner, to play a game of craps in the 1100 block of Abbey Place NE, Washington, D.C. While the victim was playing craps with other individuals, Herbin and another man went to Herbin's home, about a block away from the craps game. The men armed themselves with a revolver, attempted to disguise themselves, and walked toward the craps game.

The two assailants crept to the scene using the parked cars on the street for cover before they jumped out, surprising Turner and the other participants of the craps game. As the other participants ran from the scene, Herbin and his accomplice headed straight for Turner, who was kneeling on the ground by himself. They demanded money, and then pushed, beat, and kicked him. While Turner was still on the ground, they shot him repeatedly, firing five shots into his body. One bullet hit him in the heart, and he collapsed immediately. He died on the scene.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen commended the efforts of the Metropolitan Police Department officers who were involved in the investigation and prosecution

of this case, including Detective Daniel Whalen, Officer Eric Walsh, Officer Raoul Short, Officer R.S. Griffin, Officer Keith Slaughter, Officer Topaz Proctor, Officer Brandon Clay, Officer Jeffrey Weber, Lieutenant George Caldwell, Officer Thomas Ellingsworth, and Officer Derek Phillips. U.S. Attorney Machen also cited the efforts of several members of his staff, including Litigation Support Services Technician Kimberly Smith; Intelligence Analyst Lawrence Grasso; Paralegals Kelly Blakeney and Sharon Newman; Victim Advocate Marcey Rinker; and Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Kerkhoff who investigated and presented the government's case at trial.

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